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(U) Japan fully intends to support only candidates for the Human Rights Council that have a genuine commitment to human rights, MOFA Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Deputy Director Noriko Tanaka told PolOff during an April 17 meeting. Ms. Tanaka added that the Japanese government has not yet decided which candidates to support, other than itself. Ms. Tanaka promised to pass the Secretary's letter (reftel) to her Foreign Minister. SCHIEFFER